

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. EEP-02-38
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ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION

(Issued February 27, 2003)

On February 14, 2003, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a joint motion for a ruling concerning the need, if any, for litigation of the avoided cost issue in IPL's pending energy efficiency plan docket, identified as Docket No. EEP-02-38. IPL and Consumer Advocate requested an expedited ruling and the Board issued an order on February 17, 2003, shortening the time for responses. MidAmerican Energy Company filed a response indicating it had no objection to the relief requested by IPL and Consumer Advocate. No objections or other responses to the motion were filed.

In support of their motion, IPL and Consumer Advocate said that they have serious differences in their preferred methodologies of calculating avoided cost. However, they state that these differences will not impact the nature or content of IPL's energy efficiency plan and ask that the matter not be litigated in this proceeding.

The Board will grant the motion and will not litigate the avoided cost methodology in Docket No. EEP-02-38. This issue may be litigated in future proceedings where avoided cost methodology differences impact the nature or content of a utility's energy efficiency plan, but the Board sees no need to decide the issue in this proceeding where any decision the Board makes will have no impact on the plan.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The joint motion filed by Interstate Power and Light Company and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice on February 14, 2003, is granted and avoided cost methodology will not be an issue litigated in Docket No. EEP-02-38.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 27th day of February, 2003.